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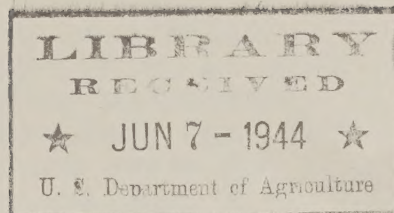
= New Introductions =

Russell Gardens

NINE SOLID ACRES HEMEROCALLIS

Spring, Texas

June 2, 1944



Librarian
U. S. Dept. of Agriculture
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Among the next daylilies I expect to introduce in the near future I have selected seventeen of the most outstanding varieties such as have never before been seen in daylilies, to offer my clients now in the several sections of our country prior to listing them in my catalogue.

These seventeen varieties, found on the following pages, were selected from more than 100,000 hybrids, the result of many years' selective breeding. They will cover about the entire color range. Until this past season I have never introduced a daylily for less than two dollars and up to twenty dollars a plant, but I am going to offer you any seven that you select from this list for six dollars, or the entire collection of seventeen for twelve dollars post paid. I don't believe you will find any better, more beautiful in America. They will be strong, vigorous plants and if planted now, yes, even in the hottest summer, they will give you well established clumps for next season's bloom, and what a garden you will have for just a few dollars! I would like to have you become better acquainted with what I have to offer in daylilies and I know of no better way to do this. Texas grown daylilies are proven hardy from Maine to California.

The blooming habits of these varieties, as well as the keeping quality of the bloom, were, of course, taken into the most careful consideration. This offer is good only for 30 days, as this is the season of the year when we are transplanting our fields, and while we are doing this we can fill your order much more easily and cheaply than otherwise. No order for these varieties will be accepted after 30 days from this date except at our prevailing catalogue prices. Under no circumstances will we send more than one plant of each variety of these new ones to a single client. If you wish to take advantage of this offer, but are not ready to plant at this time, you may send your order now and the plants will be reserved for you until you want delivery.

Very truly yours,

H M Russell

Plant Hemerocallis Daylilies once and have them always

These seventeen varieties were selected to give a wider color range and to include different flower shapes and heights, as well as excellent foliage and profusion of blooms. This entire collection blooms here in April, May and June, which would make them May, June and July bloomers in the colder sections. These plants are not ready for general release yet, not being listed in our catalogue, and only a limited number will be sent out this year. I believe these varieties are quite unlike any you may already have, for they are quite distinct even in our fields of nine acres.

COLLEEN (Yellow)

Tired of yellows? Not if you have this huge 6 inch flower of the widest petals. An unusual shade of an indescribable yellow with the slightest, almost indiscernable halo. It is different from the hundreds of yellows I have seen. Height 3 feet. June.

DAWN O' DAY (Salmon)

A huge wide petaled salmon with slightly deeper salmon veins throughout the whole. The throat is a greenish yellow and something we hybridisers pray for. Bloom 6 inches, height 2½ feet. May, June and again in the fall.

EL CAPITAN (Brown-red)

A beautiful wide bloom fully 6 inches across. The petals are a rich brown-red, very full and unusually beautiful with a distinct green throat. The sepals are just a bit lighter. 2½ feet. May and June.

GOLD EMPIRE (Gold-chrome)

I never heard of a "gold-chrome", but this one is between the two. Medium full, the petals are ruffled and 6 inches across. It is my choice in its color class. Height 3 feet. May, and June.

HAVEN (Buff-chrome)

Not so large a bloom - only 3½ inches, but most profuse blooming buff-chrome of the most unusual shade in my fields. I would surely want this one. 3 feet. April and May.

IN FLIGHT (Red)

This is an unusual little one. The blooms are quite large, being about 4 inches. The petals are quite twisted, of a rich deep red. Eye zone is deeper shaded to wine with a green throat. A real little honey only 2 feet high. April and May.

LAMAR RUSSELL (Chartreuse)

This one is so pale it is almost chartreuse with thick, twisted petals in a shade all to itself. The substance is perfect. Bloom 5 inches. Height 2 feet. June and July.

MALCOLM RUSSELL (Canary)

Huge bloom of leathery substance. Rich canary. Very tall and stately - quite unlike the hundreds of yellow varieties we grow. Faint halo in eye zone. Petals wide, fully 6 inches. Height 4 feet. June and July.

NEW ERA (Old rose)

This deep old rose of the most pronounced color has a deep wine purple eye zone. The sepals recurve. The throat is orange. The best of my many such shades. Most prolific grower and a profuse bloomer. Tall and stately. 5 inch bloom. A "must-have". Height 3½ feet. May and June.

NOW GLORY (Rose-Salmon)

In this one we do find glory, for it is a huge tall 6 inch bloom of a deep rose-salmon with the sepals overcast with a peach color. The outer edge of the sepals is old rose. A fine stately flower only 2 feet high. June and July.

PLAY TIME (Buff)

Not a gold or a lemon, but a real buff, and a shade of buff found only in this one. The petals are so wide they touch, completely overlapping the sepals. The midribs, raised so high, give the impression it has been purposely creased. The texture is quite crispy and excellent in every way. If the bloom were cut without the stem an authority on daylilies would hardly recognize it as such. It is one variety which has a shape unknown to any daylily I have ever seen. Bloom 6 inches. Height 2½ feet. April and May.

QUEEN OF MONTEREY (Red)

This is a beautiful even shade of brownish-red with a distinct wide deep purple eye zone. The throat is a lovely shade of canary yellow. Petals wide and ruffled. 5 inches. Very unusual and distinct. Height 2½ feet. June and July.

RED GEM (Chinese red)

This is a tall, 5 inch bloom, heavily veined Chinese red over gold. Just enough gold shows to make this quite distinct from all others showing veins. The throat is a rich orange shading to green. The petals are quite ruffled. Bloom 5 inches. Height 3½ feet, May June and again in midsummer.

ROCK BEAUTY (Mahogany red)

The petals of this flower are of a deep mahogany red with a distinct yellow midrib. The sepals are yellow, distinctly overcast mahogany. This is the red one you have been looking for for your rock garden. Profuse blooms 4 inches across, large for this flower which grows only 15 inches high for me. None in my fields in its class. May, June and July.

SPRING DELIGHT (Rose)

I would call this a true rose color, but quite unlike any other rose color in my fields. The throat is a real green and of the finest texture. A gorgeous flower in every way. Bloom 5 inches. Height 3 feet. April, May and June.

STOWAWAY (Chrome)

A honey for the rock garden. Blooms 3½ inches wide and fully open. Loveliest shade of deepest yellow. Unusual and a most profuse bloomer. Height 18 inches. May and June.

SUNKIST (Salmon-red)

Surely the sun slipped down and kissed this one. It is a salmon-red, with deep wine eye zone being very wide and showy. The throat is greenish yellow. I am not capable of describing this one fully. Bloom 5 inches. Height 2½ feet. May and June.

You may select any seven of these for six dollars or the entire collection of seventeen varieties for twelve dollars postpaid. In no wise can we accept orders for these varieties after 30 days from this date at these prices. No more than one plant of a variety will be sent to a single client.

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